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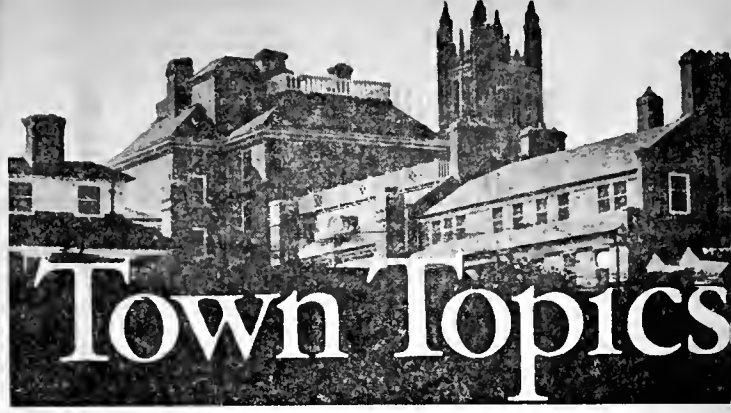

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From high school she entered the University of Rochester, met freshman requirements with a minimum of difficulty, enjoyed dramatics and casually registered for the upperclass psychology course from which she inherited her lasting interest in small children. At the end of sophomore year, she reneged on the liberal arts curriculum and enrolled with the Child Education Foundation in New York City, one of the pioneering leaders in the then new field of nursery school training that has since been recognized as one of the cornerstones in the arch of American education.

For her rare common sense and deep-rooted sincerity of purpose in working with and for her charges; for constantly looking to the future and welcoming such innovations as the university-suggested mental testing program; for attributing the Nursery School's success to every one except herself; she is TOWN TOPICS' candidate for

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Topics of the Town

Thirty Points. Princeton Borough's tax rate for 1947 will be an estimated $3.91, just 30 points over last year's figure. County and school budgets have moved sharply upward, while within the municipality:

Employees have received a 15 percent cost-of-living increase; six members have been added to various departments; materials will cost 10 percent more this year. Local increase: 17 points.

In Princeton Township, where the rate of $3.27 was an all-time high in 1946, residents, too, could look to heavier taxes. No announcement will be made until next month. But whatever the cost, Princetonians were not grumbling: most of the increases came from higher salaries for their fellow residents who were municipal employees or school teachers.

Races in the Offing. Just before the deadline for filing nominations this week, five Borough residents had been named for three vacancies on the board of education: Mrs. Glenn L. Jepsen, 144 Patton Avenue; Silas C. Young, 63 Wiggins Street; Littleton W. Groom, 46 Princeton Avenue; Edward B. Snook, 2nd, 31 Hawthorne Avenue; Simeon Moss, 3 Chambers Terrace.

Mr. Snook is the only incumbent seeking reelection. Mrs. Percival B. Silvester and Albert M. Wert, other board members whose terms expire, are retiring.

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The gem of them all to us is an antique Russian—judging by its appearance—letter-holder. In any case, it is something that must have stood on nothing less than a Czar's desk. Three sides of brass, embellished by impressive eagles on the ends and a shield, crown and griffins on the front, are based on a wooden bottom. This shining example of royal splendor would make an intriguing book rack or ivy container in any modern house.

A brass filigree mirror, complete with matching stand, is another unusual demonstration of what can be done with brass. Ornate, but appealingly so, and unique among mirrors, it would add immeasurably to the right dressing table.

One pair of antique ship's lanterns is especially outstanding. Solid and rugged as they had to be in days of yore, simple and handsome as they are now, they would be easy to hang on post or wall, having a brace on the back for just that, and lovely to look at once they were there.

"Swivelhead" Flashlights. Something new, if we may quote, has been added, and a convenient addition it is. A good tough flashlight with a reversible head so that it can be placed upright and the beam shot in any direction would come in handy in more ways than one.

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Mr. Moss, a Negro and a veteran, will seek representation for his race, which, despite the fact that it constitutes 15 percent of the town's population, has never had a member seated on the board. The voting is set for February 11.

In Princeton Township, which usually does things more quietly, Mrs. Raymond Cortelyou, William M. Karch and Clarence H. Rodefeld, all incumbents, were renominated.

Miscellany. The general alarm at 3 a.m. Tuesday was for a small blaze in an unoccupied building in the veterans' housing project on Harrison Street . . . there were but ten general alarms in all of 1946, two of them false . . . the only serious fire was the $75,000 loss to R. C. Maxwell's "Mercer Manor."

The year just ended showed an increase in crime committed, police listing among them 18 cases of grand larceny, 21 of petty larceny, 18 of burglary, nine of atrocious assault and battery, ten of carrying concealed weapons and one (the late Patrolman Walter B. Harris) of murder . . . arrests and

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Calendar of the Week

Saturday, January 25th

8:30 p.m.: Princeton University Concert, Georges Enesco, violinist; McCarter Theater.

Sunday, January 26th

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

11:00 a.m.: Bicentennial Sermon, Dr. T. Z. Koo, University Chapel.

Sermon, the Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Kinsolving, Trinity Episcopal Church.

"Grace Before Meat," the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles, First Presbyterian Church.

"Christ and Human Need," the Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker; Celebration of Youth Sunday; Second Presbyterian Church.

"My Time Is in Thy Hands," the Rev. Lynn H. Corson, Methodist Church.

"Truth," Lesson-Sermon, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Friends Service of Worship, Cabinet Room, Murray-Dodge Hall; University Campus.

7:30 p.m.: Choral Evensong: Address, the Rev. Victor B. Stanley Jr.; Trinity Church.

8:00 p.m.: Mendelssohn's Oratorio, "The Elijah"; Westminster Symphonic Choir of 100 voices; First Church.

8:15 p.m.: Evening Service, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Monday, January 27th

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Princeton Township School Registration, Monday through Friday, for children five years of age as of February 10th; Township School.

Wednesday, January 29th

8:00 p.m.: Preparatory Services for Communion at both the First and Second Presbyterian Churches.

8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Thursday, January 30th

Closing-Date for Nominations to fill five impending vacancies on Princeton Hospital's Board of Trustees.

Friday, January 31st

8:30 p.m.: New Comedy by Patricia Coleman, "Darling, Darling, Darling"; McCarter Theater.

Saturday, February 1st

2:30 p.m.: Matinee Performance, "Darling, Darling, Darling!," McCarter Theatre.

8:30 p.m.: Basketball: Princeton University vs. Kings Point M.M.A., Baker Rink.

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News of the Theatres

The Playhouse

The Show-off (Fri., Sat.) is Red Skelton at his noisiest in the familiar old story about the loud-mouthed soul whose constant bragging is occasionally funny. The second and third helpings of slapstick are hard to take.

The Dark Mirror (Sun. through Wed.) offers a well-made murder mystery involving identical twin sisters, one of whom commits murder, then persuades her counterpart that she is innocent. When the latter agrees to shield her by refusing to divulge which twin she is, no end of suspense develops. With Olivia de Haviland, Lew Ayres.

The Magnificent Doll (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) brings credit to itself by mirroring truth quite faithfully as it tells the life story of Dolly Madison, her husband and President-to-be, James, Aaron Burr and the people of their times. With Ginger Rogers, Burgess Meredith, David Niven.

The Garden

Two Smart People (Fri., Sat.) are portrayed by Lucille Ball and John Hodiak in a rank & file melodrama enacted on a transcontinental train. The plot has a sophisticated cops and robbers theme.

The Mighty McGurk (All Week) is an awful lot of Wallace Beery cast once more in the role of the blustering tough guy whose heart is captured by the beguiling small boy (Dean Stockwell). Settings are in the Bowery of the 1890's.

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"Nitey-Nite" Sleepers. Small wearers of sizes 0 (apparently there is such, and there are those who wear it) to 4 are lucky. The Little Clothesline on Palmer Square is newly and amply supplied with these high spots in the children's pajama line.

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convictions were the rule in a majority of instances.

William Powell, Jr., son of the film star, is among those expected to graduate from Princeton next month . . . the varsity basketball team, tied with Columbia for the Eastern Intercollegiate League lead, is packing crowds of over

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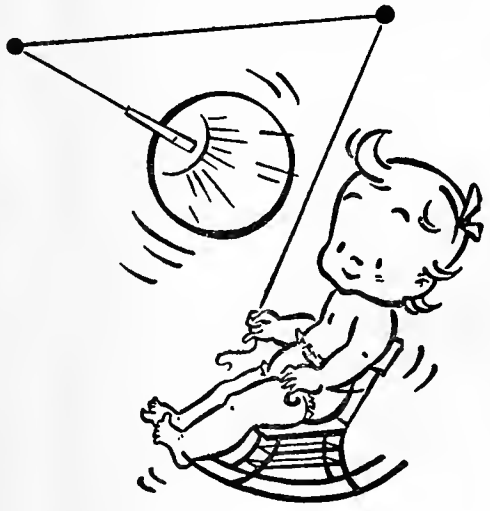

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Ten-year old Ernest Cassaro, Jr. (whose father is a waiter in the Stork Club) left his home in the Bronx Saturday without a penny in his pockets . . . despite his financial handicaps, he used subway and train to reach Princeton Junction . . . on the P.J. & B., his luck ran out and he was bounced at Penn's Neck but thumbed his way into Princeton . . . admitting he was lost to Dennis Sullivan, Dick Swinnerton and David McAvenia, who found him on Chestnut Street, he got food & shelter at police headquarters, went home that night with his somewhat irate father . . . before leaving town, young Ernest candidly told the cops: "I ran away because my mother was making me carry packages all the time. Darn it all, that's a woman's job."

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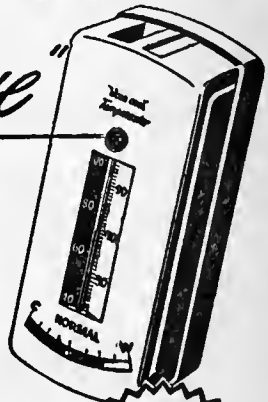

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